

Economic Development Council

Advancing Washington's economic agenda



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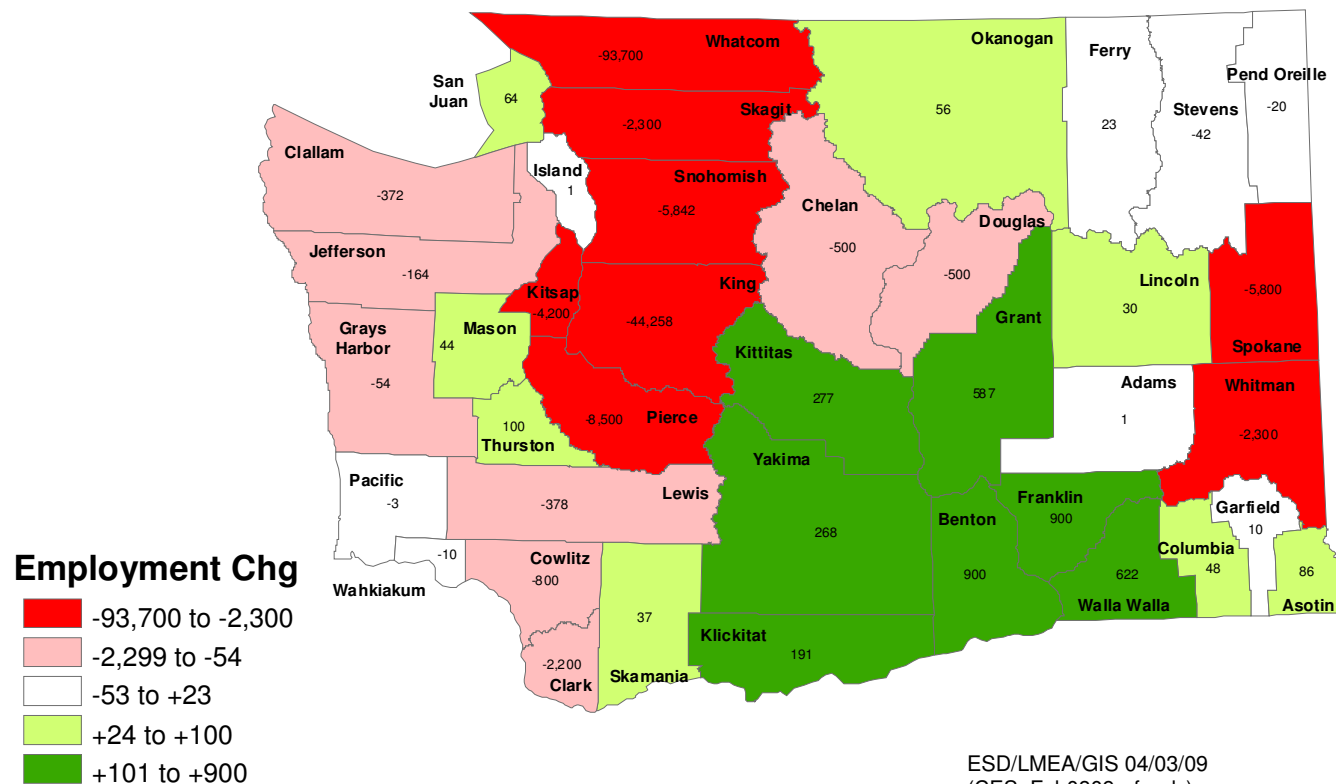
ESD's strategic plan: Help workers & employers succeed

Employment Security Department strategic goals	Priorities of Government						
	Economic vitality	Government efficiency	Vulnerable children & adults	Safety	Health	Student achievement	Post-secondary learning
Support economic stability through just and timely tax and benefit systems.							
Contribute to an effective workforce system by strengthening partnerships and delivering a prepared and stable work force.							
Achieve results by strengthening leadership, making data-driven decisions and providing excellent service and information.							
Value and develop employees to increase effectiveness.							

Effect: Direct Secondary

Number of jobs lost/added

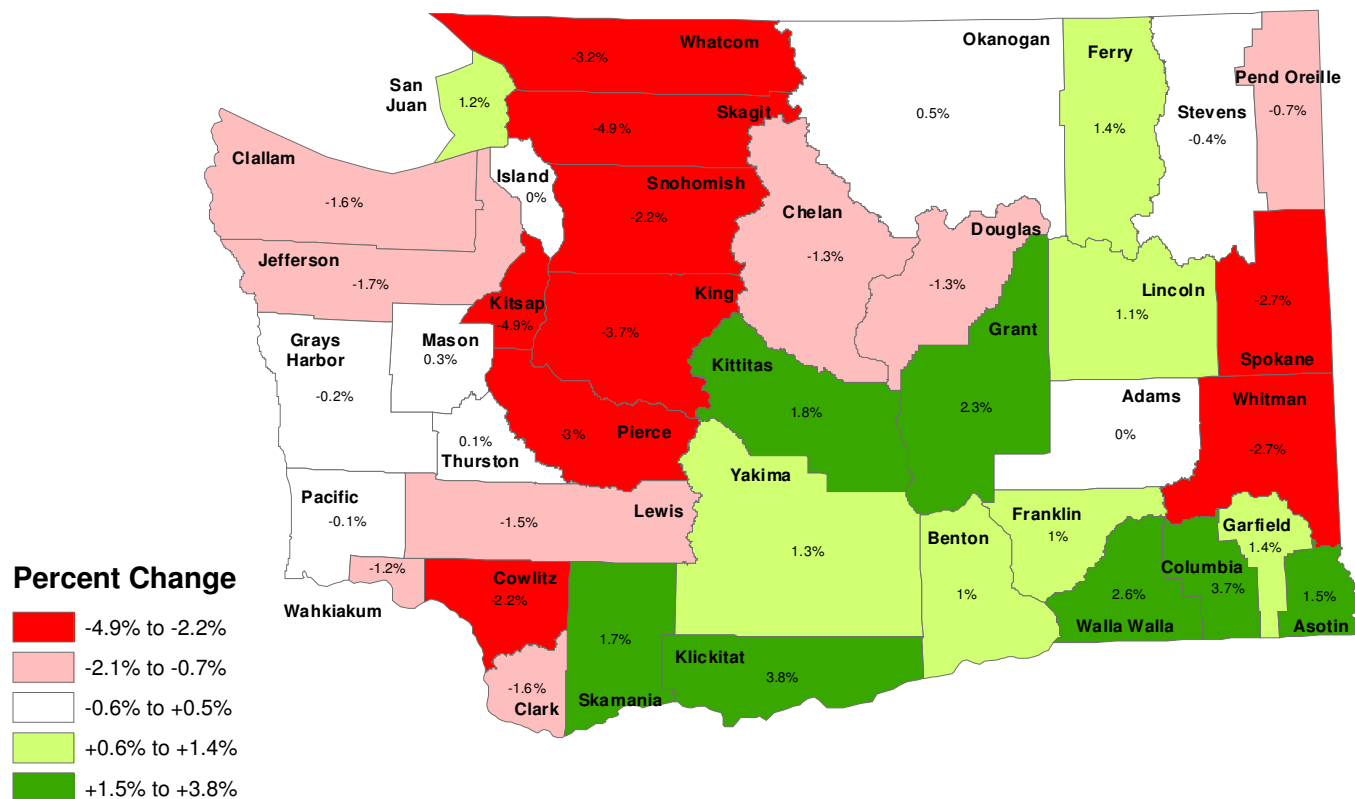
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Not seasonally adjusted



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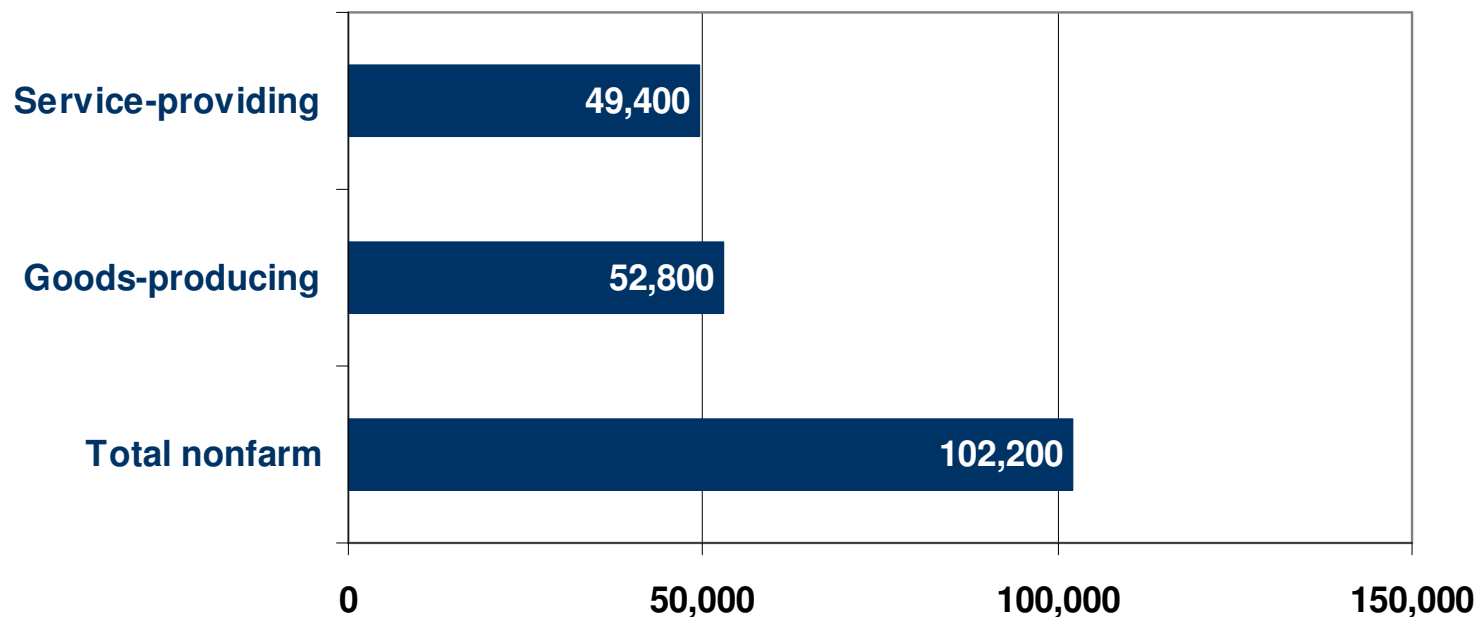
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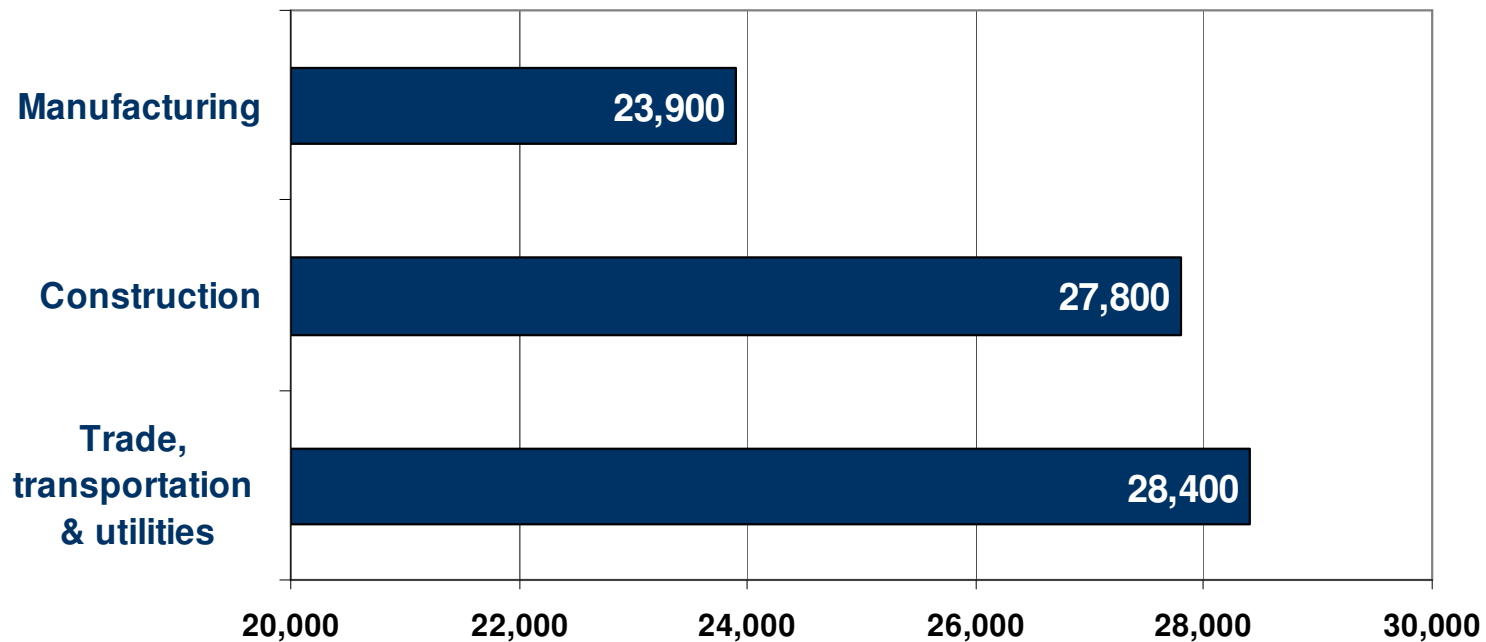
Industry job growth/loss

**Non-farm job losses since last employment peak
(February 2008) are split between
goods-producing and services-providing industries**



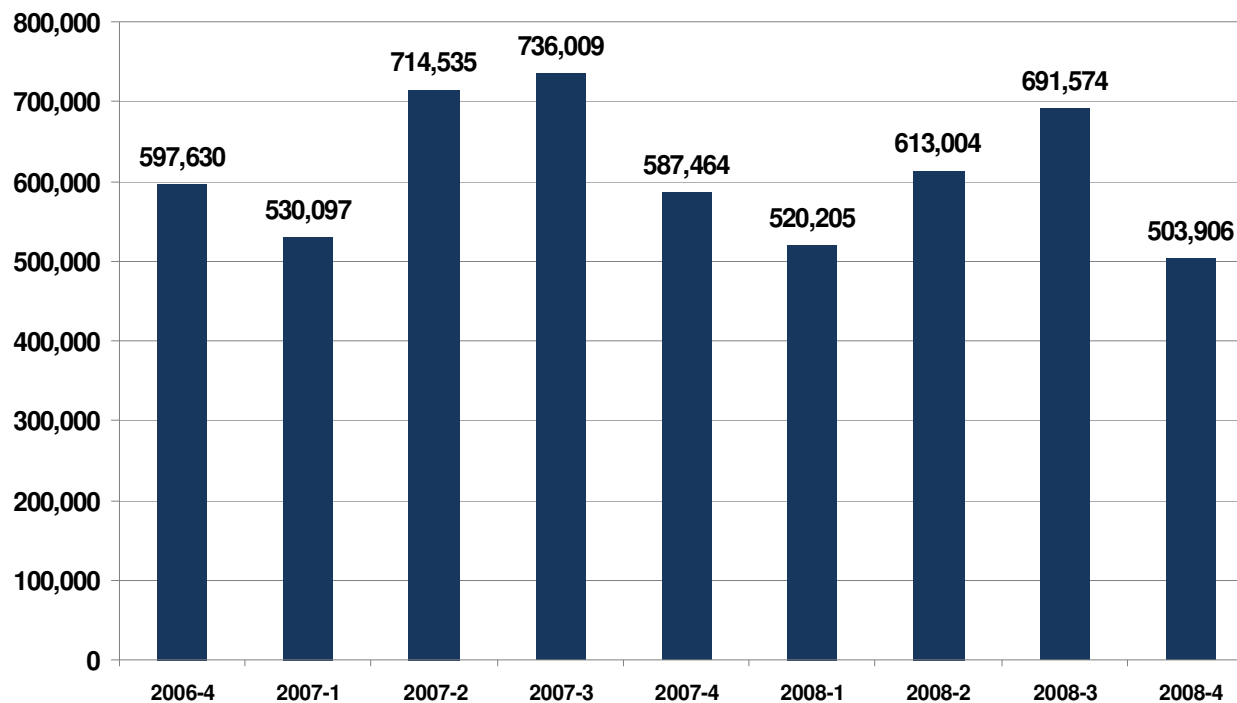
Industry job growth/loss

Three industries account for 78% of all job losses in Washington since February 2008



Lots of hiring, even in winter and recession

Number of new hires by Washington companies per quarter
4th-quarter 2006 through 2008



New hires = new employees from outside company,
not promotions or transfers of existing employees

Green economy

Definition

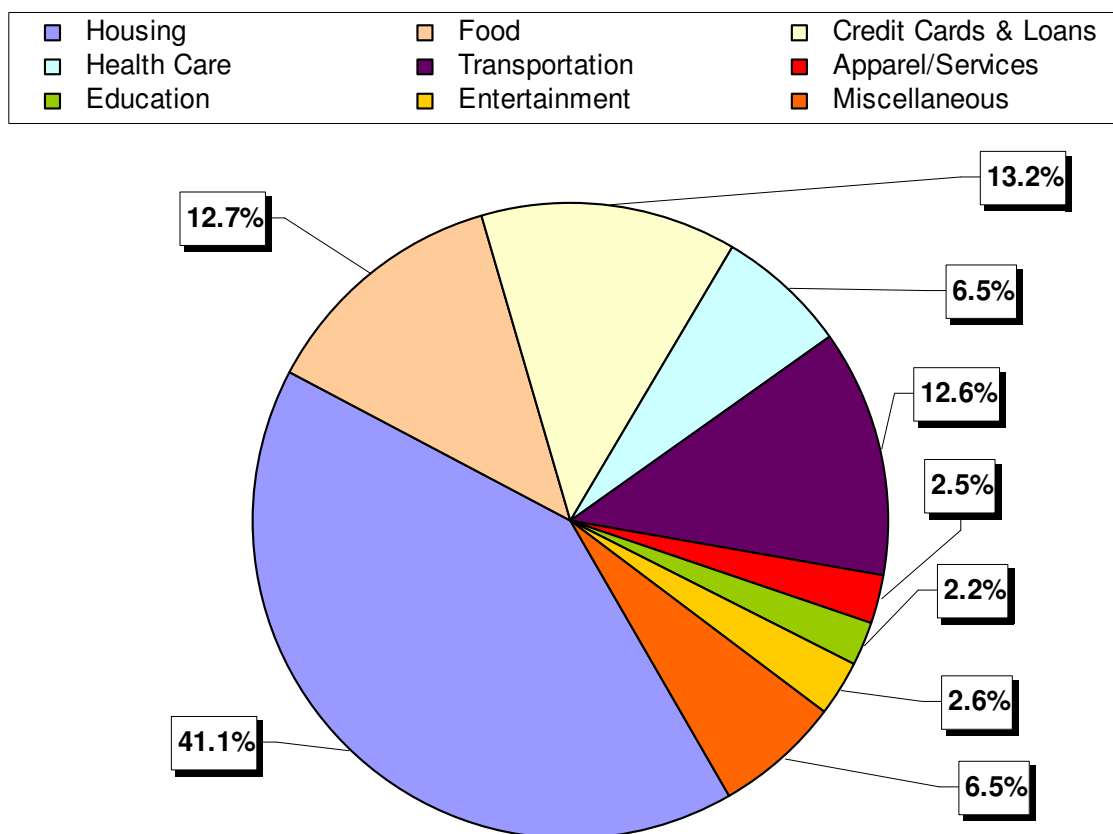
- Industries/businesses engaged in energy efficiency, renewable energy, preventing/reducing pollution, cleaning/mitigating pollution.

Key findings

- 47,194 private-sector green jobs in summer 2008.
- 53% involved in energy-efficiency, reflecting decades of investment.
- By industry: 44% construction; 16% pro./scientific/technical services; 15% agriculture.
- Estimated earnings of about \$2.2 billion a year.
- No new “green” industries or occupations.
- Greening of existing economy – not a separate green economy.

Unemployment benefits support workers, communities

Unemployment benefit spending on household expenses



Source: 2007 Claimant Expenditure Survey

Shared-Work Program

- An approved employer can temporarily reduce employees' hours 10 to 50 percent.
- Qualified workers may receive partial unemployment benefits to replace a portion of their lost wages.
- More than 1,500 employers and 35,000 workers now participating (compared to 145 and 5,700 a year ago).

ARRA funding streams at ESD

Received/secured

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| ■ Unemployment insurance | \$800M-\$1.1B |
| ■ Workforce Investment Act | \$55.2 million |
| ■ Wagner-Peyser | \$ 8.2 million |

Requested

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| ■ Washington Service Corps | \$2.4 million |
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Awaiting instructions

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| ■ Trade Act | TBD |
| ■ Two competitive grants | TBD |

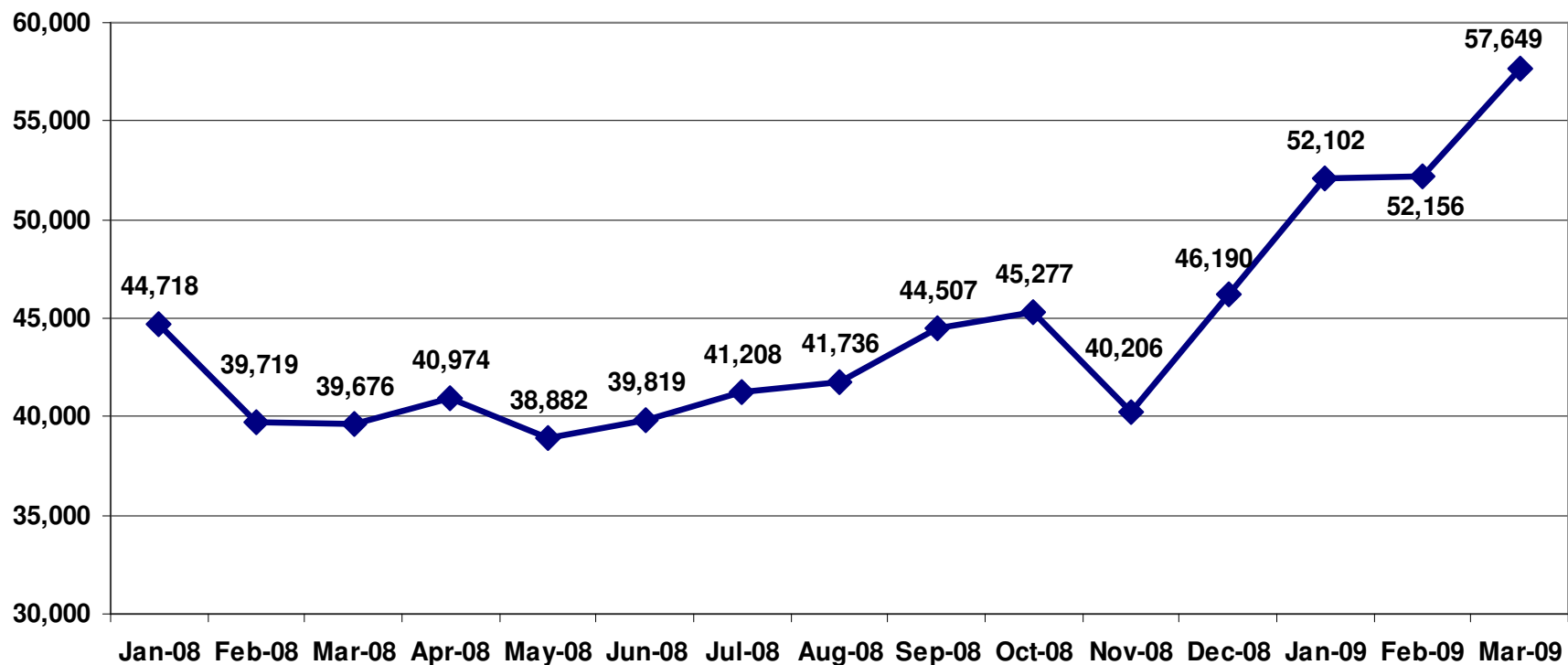
New WorkSource service model

New customer-flow model designed to increase *staff-assisted* services

- More unemployed will get staff-assisted help rather than only self-help.
- ID'ing customers who will benefit from work skill assessments, training and tailored job-search assistance.
- Seeking short skill-development options to improve employability.

WorkSource customers served

Number of customers served, January 2008-March 2009



Microsoft Elevate America

- 1 million vouchers in U.S. for free e-learning on Microsoft products; Washington is first state.
- 30,625 vouchers being distributed through WorkSource system.
- Vouchers cover 2003 and 2007 Office programs, IT Professional, and certification exams for Office 2003 and Office 2007.
- All must be activated by end of July.
- By registering recipients, we can track results over time.